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1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATING SCENARIO OUTLINED IN REF A, AND MAY DISCLOSE $61.2 MILLION FIGURE TO GOT.

2. PER SECTION 653, FAA, AS AMENDED, WE HAVE PRESENTED MAP FIGURE FOR TURKEY TO CONGRESS AS FOLLOWS: ON UNCLASSIFIED LIST OF ALL COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS, $61.2 MILLION IS SHOWN FOR TURKEY; IN CONCURRENT LETTER CONGRESS IS BEING ADVISED ON A CLASSIFIED BASIS. QUOTE:

WHILE $61.2 MILLION OF GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE IS NOTED FOR TURKEY IN THE ENCLOSED UNCLASSIFIED REPORT, WE ARE AT THIS TIME ALLOCATING AN ADDITIONAL $15 MILLION OF GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THAT COUNTRY DURING FISCAL YEAR 1974.
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BECAUSE OF AN UNDERSTANDING GOING BACK TO 1962--WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY HAS INTERPRETED AS A UNITED STATES COMMITMENT--THE TURKS HAVE LONG BEEN EXPECTING SOME UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE IN THE AREA OF SPECIAL ELECTRONIC EQUIP-

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MENT. THIS EXPECTATION HAS NOT BEEN FULFILLED, AND IT HAS BECOME AN IRRITANT IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. SINCE WE

BELIEVE THAT PROVIDING TURKEY THIS ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL EQUIPMENT IS IN THE DEFENSE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS OF TURKEY, WE ARE UNDERTAKING NEGOTIATIONS WITH TURKEY TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE. OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT POSSIBLY $15 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL FY 1974 GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE BEYOND THE $61.2 MILLION INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE-CITED SECTION 653 REPORT WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONCLUDE THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

THIS ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION FOR TURKEY IS BEING REPORTED TO THE CONGRESS ON THIS CONFIDENTIAL BASIS BECAUSE WE DO NOT WISH TO REVEAL OUR NEGOTIATING POSITION TO THE TURKS PREMATURELY. UNQUOTE

NOTE BY OC/T: EXDIS CAPTION ADDED PER S/S-O, MISS ELTZ.

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